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REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment corrects a minor informality in the preamble of claim 1 of the electronically filed application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

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Claim 1 has been amended as set forth below:

1. [The invention has been described in detail with particular reference to certain preferred embodiments thereof, but it will be understood that variations and modifications can be effected within the spirit and scope of the invention.] A combination shutter and attenuator disk assembly for use in an imaging apparatus, the disk assembly comprising:

a circular disk which includes a circular attenuating portion that surrounds a rotational axis of the disk, said circular attenuating portion being divided into at least a first light attenuating section which provides a first amount of light attenuation when the first light attenuating section is placed at an optical path of a light source, and a second light attenuating section which provides a second amount of light attenuation which is different from the first amount of light attenuation when the second light attenuating section is placed at said optical path of the light source;

said circular disk further including a circular shutter portion which surrounds said circular attenuating portion, said [shutter] circular shutter portion blocking light from said light source when the circular shutter portion is placed at said optical path.